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SUBJ: FIRST FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO THE SEYCHELLES, RENE DE CHOISEUL-PRASLIN

- 1. BORN ON DECEMBER 19, 1917, RENE DE CHOISEUL-PRASLIN, WHO WAS EDUCATED IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, WAS FIRST MOBILIZED IN 1939 AND SERVED IN THE RESISTANCE (1942-44) BEFORE RETURNING TO THE ARMY FROM 1944 TO 1945. IN OCTOBER 1945 HE WAS INTEGRATED INTO THE FOREIGN OFFICE WHERE HE SPENT HIS FIRST YEAR IN THE SECRETARIAT.
- 2. FROM 1946 TO 1950 CHOISEUL-PRASLIN WAS SUBSTITUTE CONSUL TO THE FRENCH DELEGATION TO ALLIED REPARATIONS AGENCY IN BRUSSELS. FROM 1950 TO 1952 HE WAS AN ATTACHE AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS AND FROM 1952 TO 1956 WAS CHIEF OF THE DIPLOMATIC STAFF OF THE RESIDENT GENERAL IN TUNIS. HE THEN RETURNED TO THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION (EUROPEAN AFFAIRS). FROM 1957 TO 1965 HE WAS ATTACHED TO THE STAFF OF THE FRENCH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO NATO. AFTER SERVING AS CONSUL FROM 1965 TO 1969 IN COTONOU (BENIN) HE THEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WENT TO BRAZZAVILLE AS CONSUL GENERAL FROM 1969 TO 1972 AND LATER TO BOMBAY AS CONSUL GENERAL UNTIL 1976.

3. CHOISEUL-PRASLIN, WHO HOLDS THE PERMANENT RANK OF COUNSELOR, IS A KNIGHT OF THE LEGION OF HONOR AND AN OFFICER OF THE NATIONAL ORDER OF MERIT.

4. OUR FILES CONTAIN NO PERSONAL APPRAISAL OF CHOISEUL-PRASLIN; CONSULATE GENERAL BOMBAY MAY ALSO WISH TO COMMENT.
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